



To: Cuyamaca College New and Continuing Students

From: Joseph M. Marron, Ed. D., Vice President of Student Development and Services, and  
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Re: Decrease in Availability of Counseling Services at Cuyamaca College

The Cuyamaca College Counseling Department, along with all of our other Student Service areas, has experienced *severe* budget cuts. This reduction in resources has resulted in a decrease in counselor and support staff availability. However, we are doing our best to serve you by offering limited appointments, and group advising sessions.

Appointments are available to students based on the following priorities:

- Continuing students with transcripts from other colleges
- Continuing students with petitions that require counselor signatures
- Continuing students in need of crisis intervention
- Continuing students in need of specialized assistance

Appointments may be made one week in advance. If you are a current student, and appointments are unavailable, please see the following link to sign up for a group advising session: [www.cuyamaca.edu/counseling/continuingstudents.asp](http://www.cuyamaca.edu/counseling/continuingstudents.asp). New students should begin their college enrollment process by taking the English and math assessment test and attending a new student advising session. Information about these sessions is available on WebAdvisor.

Given the state budget and resulting fiscal constraints currently affecting Cuyamaca College, class availability has been severely restricted. We apologize if you are unable to enroll in the class of your choice due to the reduced instructional program coupled with unprecedented student demand. If you are unable to enroll in the class of your choice this fall we hope that you will consider other course options within your defined educational goal.

We thank you for your patience as we strive to meet the needs of our College community. We ask for your understanding and forbearance as we work to serve you during this busy registration period.

If you are concerned about cuts to education, and wish to express your concerns, we encourage you to contact your state legislators listed on the reverse side of this memo. We look forward to a better future for education in California.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments regarding our services, we ask that you direct them to our Department Chair, Donna Hajj at 619-660-4440 or [donna.hajj@gcccd.edu](mailto:donna.hajj@gcccd.edu).